

## MARVIN GAYE "What's Going On" (1971)

Marvin Gaye (April 2, 1939 – April 1, 1984), born Marvin Pentz Gaye, Jr.,<sup>[1]</sup> was an American singer-songwriter and musician. Gaye helped to shape the sound of Motown Records in the 1960s with a string of hits, including "How Sweet It Is (To Be Loved By You)" and "I Heard It Through the Grapevine", and duet recordings with Mary Wells and Tammi Terrell, later earning the titles "Prince of Motown" and "Prince of Soul".

*According to Rolling Stone Magazine, this song is ranked 4 in the top 10 Best Songs Ever, can you guess why? First listen and fill the blanks then answer the questions.*

Mother, mother  
There's too many of you .....

Brother, brother, brother  
There's far too many of you .....

You know we've got to find a .....

To bring some ..... here today - Ya

Father, father  
We don't need to .....

You see, ..... is not the answer  
For only ..... can conquer .....

You know we've got to find a .....

To bring some ..... here today

Picket ..... and picket .....

Don't ..... me with .....

Talk to me, so you can see  
Oh, what's going on  
What's going on  
Ya, what's going on  
Ah, what's going on

In the mean time  
Right on, baby

Father, father, everybody thinks  
we're .....

Oh, but who are they to ..... us  
Simply because our .....

is .....

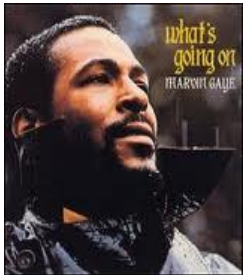
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So you can see  
What's going on  
Ya, what's going on

	<p>Pay attention to the date when the song was released :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) What conflict is he referring to?</li><li>3) Who are the people mentioned in the song? What does it suggest?</li><li>4) The question mark is absent from "What's going on". Why?</li><li>5) What are the elements showing that this song is timeless ?</li></ol>
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